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CONSIDERATIONS on the State of the *Britiſh* Trade, &c.

From Tueſday, July 21. to Thurſday, July 23. 1713.

The Folly of thoſe, who Undervalue our Trade to France, *farther Expoſed.*

An Account of Leather, Lead, Tin, Pewter, and Fiſh, ſent to France *in One Year.*

Enumeration of other Particulars of that Trade.

A Liſt of Foreign Goods, and Plantation Goods, Exported in the ſame Year, amount to 500,000 *l. more.*

IF the Deluſion was not unaccountably ſpread among the People, and the Ignorance of thoſe, who Embrace it, equal to the Knavery of thoſe, who Impoſe it, this Paper need not to have ſpent much time in proving, that we had formerly SOME TRADE to France: But ſuch Abſurdities have been ſo Induſtriouſly handed about, and ſo well are they ſuited to the Temper of Believing Lyes, which now too much reigns among us, that the poor People are taught to believe, we never had any Trade at all to France, or, at leaſt, very little, and none at all for our Woollen Manufactures.

For this Reaſon, the laſt *MERCATOR* gave a Liſt of the Manufactures Exported in the Year 1687. that is, from Michaelmas 1686. to Michaelmas 1687. which amounts to, as was there obſerved, very near Three hundred thouſand Pounds value.

Before the farther Account hereof is entered upon in this Paper, it is proper to Advertiſe for the exact Readers particular Obſervation, that as that Abſtract is taken from the Accounts, which the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms laid before the Parliament, by ſpecial Directions from both Houſes, ſo the ſeveral Quarter-Books following, from ſome of the Out-Ports, were not then come in; and the Goods Exported to France in thoſe Quarters, are by Conſequence not Included; which Quarters, had they been put in, would probably have brought up the value of the Exports to the full Sum of Three hundred thouſand Pounds for One Year.

The Quarter-Books wanting are,

Briſtol, Portſmouth. } Midſummer Quarter.

Liverpool, Southampton. } Lady-Day Quarter.

Now, as the Produce of our Woollen Manufactures only, which were Exported that Year to France, amounts to Three hundred thouſand Pounds, or thereabouts; the following Tables will give a View of the whole Years Trade; and this is made needful, becauſe the Patrons of the SCHEME, which was formerly ſo much ſpoken of, thought fit to leave the Account of Foreign Imported Goods, and the Growth of our own Plantations, out of their Paper, as of little or no Value, or rather, not for their Purpoſe to produce.

Firſt, It is needful to give a brief Account of other Goods alſo Exported that Year to France, (viz.) From Michaelmas 1686. to Michaelmas 1687. which, tho' they are not Woollen Manufactures, yet are of our own Produce, and in part Manufactured; and theſe are in general, as follows,

Lead, Lead-Oar, Lead-Shot, Lead white and black, to the value of —	*L.* 43080	
Tin and Pewter	20316	
Leather Tann'd, and Wrought Leather of ſeveral ſorts, to the value of —	44658	
Fiſh, (whereof near 8000 Barrels of Herrings)	10000	In all *L.* 118054

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Beſides theſe Goods, there was Exported the ſame Year to France, very large Quantities of the following Goods, which are of our own Produce; ſuch as,

Coals above 2000 Chaldrons
Alom
Copperas
Grindſtones
Hilling-ſtones or Slate-ſtones to cover Houſes
Butter
Nails
Glaſs and Earthen-ware above 20000 Pieces.
Apothecary Ware
Haberdaſhery
Wrought Iron, wrought Braſs
Clock-work
Linſeed
Corn
Beer
Candles
Soap
Glue
Lanthorn-leaves and wrought Horn
Hair
Horſes
Starch
Hops
Hoops
Malt above 2000 Quarter
Tobacco-pipes

And abundance of other Particulars, too many to be ennumerated here; and which, by a very moderate Eſtimation, will amount to above 50,000 l. which, added to the former Account, makes the Exportations of Goods to France, of Engliſh Growth and Manufacture, for one Year only, amount to 442,702 l.

The Deſign of this being to give a general Abſtract, rather than a particular Detail of the Exportation, the multitude of Particulars are omitted for Brevity ſake. The next Head of the Exportation, contains the Goods Exported by Certificate, or Goods Re-exported, being either the Growth of our own Plantations, or ſuch Merchandizes as are firſt Imported by our Merchants into England in Return for our Commerce to Foreign Parts, and then ſent from hence to France. Of theſe the Accounts of the ſame Year give the following Particulars.

Bees-wax	l. 8588
Sealing-wax	l. 585
Cochineale	l. 4767
Gauls	l. 297590
Indico	l. 35812
Other Dying Stuffs	l. 412986
Teeth Ivory	l. 13128
Pepper	l. 162192
Sugar	l. 1.160515
Tobacco	l. 496281
Ginger	l. 121520
Spices and Grocery	l. 136924
Drugs	l. 36358
Fine ditto per oz.	249
Cotton, Wooll, and Yarn	l. 27450
Goats and Camels Hair	l. 43816
Hides raw and tann'd per Tale	14694
Coffee and Tea per l.	9599
Spaniſh Wooll	l. 163052
Skins and Furrs per piece	16873
Callicoes and Muſlins per piece	38476
Indian wrought Silks	l. 816
Raw Silk	l. 1391
Pitch and Tar per Laſt.	43 Laſt
Oyl per Ton	72 Ton

Beſides Tapiſtry, Hops, Scots-hoſe, China and Japan Ware, Stic-lack, Indian Pictures, Cabinets, and other Eaſt-India Goods in large Quantities; Canary-Wine, Incle, Lattin-Plates, Hard-Soap, Wrought-Silks with Gold and Silver, Tortoiſe-Shell, and abundance of Particulars, which will amount to a very great Sum, at leaſt 20,000 l.

Let theſe Goods be added to 442,702 l. which as it appears was Exported that ſame Year in Goods of the Growth and Manufacture of England; and add to all theſe the Lead, Coal, Fiſh, Corn, and other Goods, the Produce and Manufacture of Scotland, which are now to be accounted as the Exportation from Great-Britain; and let any Man make himſelf the Impartial Judge between the Intereſt of Britain, and the Parties among us: Thoſe Parties, whoſe Leaders for their private Deſigns of Enraging the People, have ſtood between Britain, and her true Intereſt; and have deprived her of a Trade, which ſhould every Year have carryed out 440,000 l. in her own Growth; and ſuch a quantity of Foreign Goods, as is here produced, which amounts to, by a very moderate Calculation, above Five hundred thouſand Pound more, much of it the Produce of our own Colonies, which, by all judicious People, ſhould be eſteemed our own; and a Trade, which, if the Oppoſing it at this time did not ſerve a Purpoſe, they would eſteem themſelves great Patriots in procuring.

But ſince Trade has been brought into the Party-Game, it ſeems that it may be Plaid away at Pleaſure; and the Dutch, who greedily watching for the Prey, ſnatch it from us by our own Conſent, ſhall be Enriched at our Expence, while the Advocates for this Deſtructive Method of ruining their Country, plead heartily for ſetting the People to work upon Linnen, as a Reparation for the Woollen Manufacture, which they are Sacrificing to the Dutch, and by which in time, they, who refuſe to ſend our Woollen Manufactures abroad, may be brought to want a Trade for their Unwrought Wooll.

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